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SUBJECT: OPIUM POPPIES: TURKISH PRESS COVERAGE

1. AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S RECALL TO WASHINGTON GOT NUMBER ONE ATTENTION ON FRONT PAGE MILLIYET AND BARIS JULY 6. OTHER MAJOR DAILIES ALSO COVERED STORY BUT IN LOWER KEY.

2. NILUFER YALCIN IN MILLIYET REPORTED U.S. HAD REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT THAT REPEAL OF POPPY BAN WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT TWO COUNTRIES' RELATIONS, BUT NEVERTHELESS GOT HAD RESCINDED BAN WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE TO U.S. AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN CALLED BACK FOR FULL REVIEW OF U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS. REPORT ALSO SAID "ANKARA POLITICAL CIRCLES" REGARDED RECALL AS "A SUDDEN AND STRONG STAND WHICH WAS NOT EXPECTED FROM WASHINGTON."

3. BOTH MILLIYET AND HURRIYET EXTENSIVELY COVERED AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS TO PRESS FOLLOWING CALL ON FORMIN JULY 5 (ANKARA 5353). HE IS QUOTED AS MAKING FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:
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(1) DECISION TO LIFT OPIUM BAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS

SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF GOT; (2) U.S. DECISION WAS TAKEN; (3) AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION BELIEVES YOUTH IN U.S. AND REST OF WORLD FACE VITAL DANGER AS RESULT OF THIS DECISION; (4) U.S. ALSO REGRETS THAT EXTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BETTERMENT OF FARMERS IN POPPY-GROWING AREA WAS NOT CARRIED OUT. U.S. HAD TOLD GOT IT WAS WILLING TO HELP IMPLEMENT SUCH DEVELOPMENT PLAN, POINTING OUT THAT WHILE POPPY GROWING HAD NEVER SOLVED PROBLEM OF POVERTY IN REGION, DEVELOPMENT COULD DO SO.

4. BARIS AND YENI ORTAM REPORT THAT TURKEY HAS REQUESTED UNITED NATIONS' ASSISTANCE REGARDING OPIUM PRODUCTION CONTROLS.

5. IN UNUSUAL GESTURE, PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT ACCCOMPANIED FORMIN TO JULY 4 RECEPTION. JULY 6 MILLIYET ALSO CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY WITH PICTURE ON THIS, SIDE BY SIDE WITH STORY ON RECALL.
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